

REVENUE CUTTER HITS ROCK

**MOHAWK, DODGING A TUG,
JAMS ON HOG'S BACK.**

Will Stick at Least Until High Tide Early To-day—Rescue Boats Believe That She Is in a Bad Way—Tugs Standing By If She Should Need Quick Aid.

The revenue cutter Mohawk, a fine steel coast patrol, bound from New London for Staten Island anchorage and with more than half an hour of the surfline of a clear day left to navigate in, plied yesterday afternoon on Hog's Back, the reef jutting out under water for several hundred feet from the south end of Ward's Island in Hell Gate, where a squadron of steam craft have come to grief in calm weather.

The tide was falling, and just as the cutter entered the dangerous passage a tug with two lighters menaced her. It became a question whether she should smash into the lighters or run the risk of taking bottom. Capt. Staley M. Hendry decided to take the risk.

The cutter struck so hard that the crash could be heard distinctly on the Astoria pier. She set her whistles shrieking for help and also got busy with her wireless sending forth the familiar C Q D signal. She got swift responses and an unexpected request by flag signal from the tug-wigwagger of the army who had run to the foot of 100th street, nearly opposite where the cutter lay, and started the original wireless working. The wigwagger is Frank Knowles, a policeman of the 104th street station, who had heard the distress whistle. Knowles asked by flag if the cutter required assistance, and wigwagger aboard her picked up a flag and answered "Yes, get help as quick as you can; we are aground." Knowles notified the harbor police, who had a launch in the neighborhood, and also went to the fireboat McClellan and told him he

found out. The police launch was alongside within half an hour and two of the New York and New Haven tugs, Transfers 11 and 18, got lines on the cutter. The navy tug Powhatan and the fire boat McClellan were among the fleet that proffered aid. Hawkers snapped in the effort to move the Mohawk. She was fast by the bow and her commander reported that she was leaning forward and that she had pretty hard. He said he did not believe she was in danger of sinking or moving off into deep water.

Some of the messages that he sent by United Wireless said that the Mohawk was listing badly to starboard and that several beams forward were broken and several bent. There was some water in the fire room, but the pumps were able to keep ahead of the inflow. The United Wireless learned late last night that the cutter was listing and that the fire boat McClellan was on the scene. The cutter was in communication, and an effort was made to float her at high water before daylight this morning. Capt. Hendry decided not to let the tugs make any further effort to haul him off as he feared the strain might tear a hole in her bottom.

The tugboat cutter Manhattan, Capt. James Fradley the younger, at the wheel, made a record trip from the large office to 104th street last night to see if she could be of any help to the Mohawk. She had aboard Capt. O. C. Hamlet and Lieut. Cochran of the revenue cutter service, and they asked Capt. Hendry how he happened to hit the rock. He told them and added that he was on his way to Tompkinsville for supplies, having been out three days searching for derelicts and having nearly exhausted his provisions and coal.

The impression aboard the Manhattan was that the Mohawk was pretty badly damaged. Her bow was caught between two rocks, or a cleft in a rock, and her stern was so low in the water that the rear lights of her ports seemed to be nearly level with the river. Capt. Landry said he was in no immediate danger and that the Manhattan could not do anything for him as he was going to get all the help he needed before morning. The cutter was in communication with Washington United Wireless and told to do whatever he thought necessary.

Three tugs were standing by the Mohawk last night and the Merritt-Chapman wreckers were making ready to assist in helping her off. A diver will go down before an effort is made to float her and find the exact nature of her wounds. It is possible that she is so badly broken forward that she will have to be held up by pontoons.

The Mohawk carries a crew of twenty-two men.

WIDOW OF PIERRE PRETERRE.
Well to Do Frenchman Shoots Himself in His Hotel Apartments.

Pierre E. Preterre, a well to do Frenchman, who had been ill for some years, killed himself in his apartments on the seventh floor of the Hotel Marie Antoinette yesterday afternoon by shooting himself through the head. He left a letter to his unmarried sister, Ellen, with whom he lived, telling her that he hoped to be forgiven and advising her not to live alone after his death.

Mr. Preterre was 61 years old and had lived in this country many years, coming here after the death of relatives in France who left him money enough to keep him in comfort. For some years he lived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and when the Plaza was opened he there. Last November he went to St. Luke's hospital and when he left the hospital he moved to the Hotel Marie Antoinette, where he had a suite of six rooms. He had had a previous operation on his head and was also a sufferer from neuralgia and dyspepsia.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Preterre went down to luncheon alone and when he returned to his apartment he sent his sister and the nurse, Charlotte Brown, down together. On their return they found him sitting in a chair beside a window overlooking the Hudson River. The chair faced a mirror and a revolver lay beside it. He was bleeding from a wound in his head. Dr. W. S. Schley, who was called, worked over Mr. Preterre until 3 o'clock when he died.

While his sister was at dinner Mr. Preterre had written a three page letter which was found on a table, sealed and addressed to her. The letter said that the sister had been a burden to his sister and that he did not want to live longer. He said that his act was justified on after a month's deliberation.

TAFT LEAVES US TO-DAY.

Resents Interview Representing Him as Advocating Sweeping Tariff Changes.

William H. Taft will leave for Washington and the inauguration over the Pennsylvania Railroad at 9:55 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Taft will go with him. Upon their arrival in Washington they will go immediately to the Boardman house, at Eighteenth street and Connecticut avenue, where they will live until they move into the White House next week.

J. W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and H. E. Miles of Racine, Wis., chairman of that association's committee on tariff revision, called on Mr. Taft at the Henry W. Taft house yesterday morning. Mr. Taft told them that he was in favor of a quick revision of the tariff, and the sooner it was accomplished the better it would be for the business interests of the country. He (Taft) repeated to them what he has said several times, that he is inclined to favor the creation of a tariff commission. He is anxious, however, to get the revision of the schedules over and settled before the matter of a commission for future tariff investigations is brought up.

Mr. Taft was angry last night because of an alleged interview which represented him as advocating sweeping changes in the tariff schedules. Mr. Taft has not commented on the forthcoming revision further than to say that the change would on the whole probably be downward.

Other visitors at the Taft house yesterday were Victor L. Mason, who invites Mr. Taft to speak before the Passaic Board of Trade almost as regularly as he eats his breakfast; John Barrett, head of the Bureau of American Republics; L. C. Hay, E. L. Hearn, Alexander Cameron, Charles F. Brooker, national committee man from Connecticut; Ralph Pease, president of the Long Island Railroad, and several others.

About 1 o'clock in the afternoon the President-elect walked down Fifth avenue from Forty-eighth street to the Holland House, where he met his brother Charles P. Taft and National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock and had luncheon.

McAFFERTY ASKED TO EXPLAIN
Jerome and the Grand Jury Want to Know His Views on the Kelly Case.

Inspector McAfferty was before the Grand Jury yesterday. Some days ago while being examined at Albany by a legislative committee that wanted light on the present system of taking pictures of prisoners before conviction, the inspector made the statement that the conviction of Paul Kelly, the man of the Ninth avenue train wrecked on the curve at Fifty-third street in the fall of 1906, had been a miscarriage of justice.

District Attorney Jerome wanted the inspector to come down and tell the Grand Jury just where the mistake had been made in sending Kelly away. According to Mr. Jerome the Grand Jury discovered that the inspector was not well equipped with information on the subject.

"I read Inspector McAfferty's statement in the papers that Paul Kelly had been wrongfully convicted," said Mr. Jerome, "and I thought that if the courts and Grand Jury of this county had made a mistake in the Kelly case, as the inspector stated, it was high time that the matter was looked into. On the contrary, if there is any mistake of some kind, it must have been made by the jury. I thought it highly improper that a man who has commanded 60 policemen should make such a statement."

Mr. Jerome added that he was satisfied with what had taken place in the Grand Jury room and that as far as he was concerned the matter was at an end. He intimated, however, that McAfferty might hear something from another quarter.

WESLEYAN NOT TO BE CORD

TRUSTEES DECIDE TO BAR THE WOMEN STUDENTS.

Will Consider the Foundation of a Separate College for Them—End of a Long Dispute—Authorities Also Asked to Pass Upon Dancing in the New Gym.

After a discussion lasting more than three hours the trustees of Wesleyan University yesterday voted to abolish the coeducational system at the Methodist college. The meeting of the trustees was held in the Methodist building at 150 Fifth avenue and was attended not only by the trustees but by many of the most prominent ministers of the Methodist Church. The discussion was held behind closed doors and only a short formal statement was given out after the meeting announcing the result on the question of coeducation or no coeducation.

Several other matters of importance were discussed however, the students themselves having put the question of dancing squarely before the trustees. The dancing question was laid on the table for future discussion.

Among the trustees present were Judge George C. Reynolds, president of the board, the Rev. Frank Mason North, George David Beatty, the Rev. James Monroe Buckley and Henry C. M. Ingraham.

When the meeting was called to order reporters were told that the result of the meeting would be made known later, and that the trustees would meet in session. That the women students had their champions present was apparent as time went on and no result was forthcoming.

Wesleyan was founded in 1831 and is the oldest of the Methodist colleges and has been coeducational for thirty years. The men students themselves have urged that the college should be for their sex only.

When late in the afternoon the trustees filed out of the board room a two line statement was given out saying that "after prolonged discussion" the trustees had decided that after the ending of the present year no girls should be admitted to the college. This means that the last girl in Wesleyan will leave the college in 1911.

The girls at Wesleyan make up at present about 10 per cent. of the entire enrollment of the college. They have been known as "queens" and irreverent undergraduates have reported from time to time the existence of a P. D. Q. society, which interpreted is "Put Down the Queens."

While no announcement was made, it is known that the trustees did not wholly neglect the future of the women. A plan was laid before the trustees calling for a separate Methodist college for women, presumably in Middletown. The matter was not voted on yesterday, but a committee was appointed to look into the matter. This committee will also look for funds for the establishment of such a college.

The question of dancing came up in this way: Wesleyan has a new and fine gymnasium. The students want to have the use of this gymnasium for a dance during prom week. They sent such a request to the trustees, and the latter decided not to make any decision and put it over for the next annual meeting. The trustees did however pass a resolution making it compulsory on all students to attend Sunday afternoon chapel.

BALKAN PEACE ASSURED.

Austria and Turkey Sign a Protocol—Powers to Control Servia.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 26.—The Austro-Turkish protocol has been signed after some modifications in the minor clauses, but the main features are as cable some time ago. There is general relief now that a settlement has been effected, in consequence of which the boycott against Austrian trade has been called off.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—It is semi-officially announced that all the Powers, including Russia, have agreed, in principle, to approach Servia in a friendly manner with the object of inducing her not to insist on her claims to territorial compensation for the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria. It is added that the nature and form of the steps to be taken by the Powers are still the subject of negotiation.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The correspondent of the Central News at Paris states that he has been officially informed that the German proposal for joint action by the Powers over the issues between Austria-Hungary and Servia has been accepted by Russia.

Another dispatch says that the French Government has put forward the following proposal to the Powers, with a view to having it accepted by the Government of Servia:

Servia must immediately disarm and renounce all territorial pretensions. The Powers will then promise to support Servia's economic interests and will guarantee their good offices in Servia's behalf in any further negotiations.

The good will of the Austrian Government, it is stated, is absolutely assured toward Servia, in case the latter shall consent to abandon her claim to territorial compensation and shall disarm.

The territorial compensation demanded by Servia is that Austria shall cede her a strip of land in the south of Bosnia that will give her uninterrupted communication with Montenegro.

BIG WIND UP PITTSFIELD WAY.
Chateau Blown From Top of Greylock by Gale That Lifts People.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 26.—A telephone message from Cheshire says that the chateau on Greylock summit has been blown down and most of the building has been carried over the summit of the mountain, which is a sheet of ice toward Cheshire. The mountain top is like a toboggan slide.

The building was a two story rambling affair. It was anchored down to the rock by Superintendent George A. Bauer before he closed up for the winter last November. The wind velocity on Greylock was said to be 100 miles an hour at times.

ALL THE CHURCH INVITED

PASTOR'S WEDDING TO HEAD WORKER THE OCCASION.

The Rev. W. P. Shriver and Miss Thompson decide that no one in the congregation shall be overlooked—Both Came to the Church in Its Infancy.

A wedding of unusual interest will take place in the Northminster Presbyterian Church, at 115th street and St. Nicholas avenue, on March 9 at 4 o'clock, which will be attended by all the 400 members of the congregation. The bridegroom will be the Rev. William Payne Shriver, the pastor, and the bride Miss Mary Campbell Thompson, head worker in the church, who took up her duties five years ago, only two weeks after the pastor himself first filled the pulpit.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Raymond Knox, pastor of Columbia University Chapel. The pastor and the head worker had at first intended to send out invitations to the members of the congregation, but then decided that in this way persons who had been attending regularly but were not on the church rolls might be missed. Then they concluded to make the ceremony open to all who desired to attend.

The Northminster Presbyterian Church was established five years ago by the New York Presbytery to fill the needs of a thickly populated district in Harlem, where there was no church organization. It was founded as a "poor man's church." The Rev. Mr. Shriver, who had been graduated from the Union Theological Seminary not long before and was just past 30 years old, was attracted by the possibilities of the church and after a trial he was unanimously accepted as pastor.

It was then felt that a woman worker was needed who would be willing to devote all her time to ministering to the families in the congregation and who would accept the small pay the congregation could afford. The trustees finally found Miss Thompson, who is a member of a Presbyterian family. Miss Thompson took the place.

Miss Thompson has been living at 412 St. Nicholas avenue and the Rev. Mr. Shriver began calling on her so frequently recently that the members of the congregation soon learned that they were engaged. Recently the members have been urging the pastor and Miss Thompson to have the wedding performed soon and there was great rejoicing when they learned that the date had been set.

The Rev. Mr. Shriver and his bride will live with his sister at 411 Manhattan avenue, where he has been making his home. The pastor comes from Baltimore and is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University. He is a cousin of Alfred J. Shriver, a well known lawyer there, and is related to John S. Shriver, Washington correspondent of the Baltimore American and the New York Evening Mail.

PARIS OPERA IN STRAITS.
All But Face to Face With Bankruptcy—Won't Produce "Salome."

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Feb. 26.—The stockholders of the Opera held a meeting to-day, at which the officials announced that they had received promises of \$100,000 new capital, which would enable them to continue.

A vote taken on the proposal that the opera company's capital be increased by this amount was adopted, 39 to 15, but the regulations exact that such a proposal must be supported by a three-quarters vote. Hence to-day's vote is without effect. The managers' position is not improved. They are left facing bankruptcy or resignation.

TO RUN TRAIN BY WIRELESS.

Lake Shore to Make Experiment With Twentieth Century Limited.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 26.—The Lake Shore Railroad announced to-day that if the experiment of running a special train by wireless telegraphy from Buffalo to Chicago to-morrow proves successful the whole system may be equipped with "wireless."

Whether the new equipment will be telegraph or telephone depends upon future developments.

The wireless will be tried on the Twentieth Century Limited first, and the initial test will be with the dots and dashes.

FAST EARTHQUAKE RECORDED.
Prof. Milne of England Thinks It May Have Been in the Pacific Ocean.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Feb. 26.—Seismologist Milne's instruments recorded a vast earthquake of the greatest intensity at 5:36 P. M. He calculates that the disturbance was at least 5,000 miles distant. It may have been somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

CAPT. QUALTROUGH'S SENTENCE
Secretary Newberry Approves His Suspension and Reduction in Numbers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Secretary of the Navy Newberry to-day approved the sentence imposed by court-martial upon Capt. Edward F. Qualtrough, former commanding officer of the battleship Georgia, who was tried while the ship was at Gibraltar on charges growing out of his conduct while attending a reception given by the American Minister at Tangier.

Capt. Qualtrough was sentenced to six months suspension and to a loss of ten numbers. The suspension dated from the approval of the verdict by Admiral Sperry, commanding officer of the fleet. Capt. Qualtrough now stands twenty-fifth on the list of Captains.

BIG FLEET BREAKING UP.
Minnesota and Virginia Go to Norfolk Navy Yard for Repairs.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 26.—The breaking up of the Atlantic battleship fleet began to-day when the Minnesota and Virginia left the Roads for the Norfolk navy yard, where repairs will be made and the bottoms scraped. Other vessels are expected to leave for other navy yards to-morrow.

The bands of the Connecticut, Louisiana and Vermont were at Old Point to-day. They united and made music in the streets and park. The day was clear and calm, the first good day since the fleet returned.

HAIL ROOT THE PEACEMAKER

WHO READS A HARD LESSON FOR ILL MANNERED JINGOES.

Rowdies in the Nations Alone Prove War, He Says—Taft, Choate, Hughes and Three Ambassadors Join in Fervent Tributes to the Senator-Elect.

The Peace Society gave a dinner to Senator-elect Elihu Root last night at the Hotel Astor, at which Joseph H. Choate presided and President-elect Taft, Gov. Hughes and the Ambassadors of three nations—Byrce of Great Britain, Takahira of Japan and Nabuco of Brazil, spoke from the tribune on two subjects, the worth of Mr. Root and the foolishness of war.

The dinner, easily among the most notable in the long history of public banquets in New York, was distinguished by the fervency of the tributes to Mr. Root, the unmistakable sincerity of which flashed out of spoken words, and for a lesson in good manners which Mr. Root read for the benefit of jingoes or, as he came very near to characterizing them, the national rowdies.

There were present more than 500 members of the Peace Society of New York and their guests. The largest single room of the Astor was too limited to accommodate them, and the banqueters were in two rooms, rather, a room which turned a balcony of tiny size, a tribune with the yellow dragon of China, the rising sun of Japan, the crosses of Great Britain and the Stars and Stripes panelled into the white enamel of the wall behind it, was clearly visible.

From this tribune Mr. Choate introduced the Senator-elect as "one who never blew his own trumpet." Mr. Root made his address upon the importance of nations dealing with each other exactly as men of breeding do with one another; the Ambassadors of Great Britain, Japan and Brazil epitomized the services of Mr. Root not merely to the United States but to the world, and Mr. Taft and Gov. Hughes made their addresses upon topics which they coupled closely, Peace and Elihu Root.

There was no toastmaster's table or long table for the guests of honor, such as flank the wall at public dinners large and small. The members of the society and their guests were arranged at small tables set thickly in the double room. Triangular transparencies, softly illuminated, indicated in maroon letters the name of the man or woman who presided as host at each table.

It was a woman's function as well as a man's, which further distinguished it from the usual complimentary banquet where the women are confined to galleries where they are dimly seen through clouds of smoke while they enjoy the spectacle of the great and small at feed. Miss Dorothy Whitney was the hostess at one of the tables.

President-elect Taft sat at table 27, over which Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent and secretary of the Peace Society, presided. At this table were Mrs. Alton B. Parker, R. Fulton Cutting, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald T. Villard, Oren Root, Jr., Mrs. Hamilton Holt, Judge Parker and Miss Ethel Moore.

At Marcus M. Marks's table, 28, were the Japanese Ambassador, Baron Kogoro Takahira; Robert C. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sprague Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Mead.

Joseph H. Choate's table was 42, around which were the guests of honor, Senator-elect Elihu Root; Mrs. Choate, Henry W. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. De Gersdorf, Miss Choate, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Cutting and George Phillips.

Across an aisle sat Gov. Hughes, Prof. James S. T. Dutton, Gen. Horace Porter, Hart Lyman, Mrs. James B. Scott and Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Jefferson.

The English Ambassador, James Bryce, and Mrs. Bryce sat with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kirchoff, Set Low, Robert Treat Paine, John S. Cadwalader, James Brown Scott and Harold Villard.

Joachim Nabuco, the Ambassador of Brazil, was the guest at Robert Erskine Ely's table, 25. The others there were Miss Yang Tang, Pih, Miss Maud Dutton, George A. Plimpton, Manlio Nabuco, Col. George C. Treadwell and Frederick Lynch.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Judge and Mrs. Elbert H. Gary, Thomas F. Ryan, Mrs. Clarence Mackay, Col. George Harvey and Samuel M. Clemens were at table 9.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, Justice and Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bonald, Pih, Miss Maud Dutton, with John Barrett at table 7.

Some of the others in the company of 500 and more were: Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, with Mr. and Mrs. James Speyer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson Gilder, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch, Charles E. Magoon, lately Governor of Cuba, and Frank Steinhardt; Judge Willard Bartlett of the Court of Appeals, with St. Clair McKelway and William N. Dykman; Col. Robert C. Cloy with Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Estabrook; Cornelius N. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Forest, Miss Caroline Delano, Congresswoman William W. Cocks, William H. Evans, George Ehret, Austen B. Fletcher, Charles R. Flint, J. B. Greenhut and B. J. Greenhut, Justice Giegrich; Frank H. Hitchcock with Commissioner and Mrs. William B. Wilcox, Asst. C. G. Hupfel, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Haged, Col. M. Haged of the Japanese army, Frederick B. Jennings, Otto H. Kahn, Edward Lauterbach, John La Farge, George Macaney, William G. McAdoo, Jordan L. Mott, Levi P. Morton, Franklin Murphy, Robert C. Morris, George Foster Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Perkins, Prof. Bliss Perry, Elihu Root, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Bronson Reynolds, Clayton Rockhill, May A. Strauss, Isaac N. Seligman, Francis Lynde Stetson, Louis Stern, Jacob H. Schiff, ex-Senator John C. Spooner, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Truesdale, Dr. and Mrs. J. Takamine, Warner M. Van Norden, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy L. Woodruff, Horace White, Miss Dorothy Whitney, George W. Wickersham and Mrs. Wickersham, Thomas Young, Robert Watchorn,